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SUBJECT: APPROACH TO FRG ON SENSITIVE NUCLEAR EXPORT

, AS RESULT OF FONMIN GENSCHER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON,
SECRETARY AGREED TO TAKE ANOTHER LOOK AT QUESTION OF SENSI-
TIVE NUCLEAR EXPORT LICENSES TO BRAZIL, WITHOUT PREJUDICE
TO US POSITION THAT ISSUANCE OF LICENSES WOULD HAVE ADVERSE
PRACTICAL, SYMBOLIC, AND POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE REQUEST ALL POSSIBLE INFOR-
MATION ON PENDING NUCLEAR EXPORT LICENSES FROM FONOFF,
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AS INPUT TO FURTHER CONSIDERATION AGREED BY GENSCHER AND
VANCE. IN PARTICULAR, DEPARTMENT WOULD LIKE TO KNOW
PRECISELY WHAT TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS ARE COVERED BY LICENSES
(INCLUDING DEGREE OF DETAIL OF ANY BLUEPRINTS), WHETHER
FURTHER LICENSES ARE ANTICIPATED, AND WHETHER TRANSFERS
CAN BE SPLIT OR STRETCHED OUT BETWEEN LICENSES.

3. IN SEEKING INFORMATION, EMBASSY SHOULD CLARIFY THAT PURSUING THESE TECHNICAL QUESTIONS OF COURSE DOES NOT ADDRESS SYMBOLIC, POLITICAL AND PRECEDENTAL CONCERNS PRESENTED TO DR. HERMES IN WASHINGTON AND BONN. IT SHOULD CONFIRM US HOPE AND EXPECTATION THAT FRG WILL NOT RPT NOT

PROCEED WITH SENSITIVE NUCLEAR LICENSES OR EXPORTS DURING INTERIM PERIOD.

4. FYI ONLY. SECRETARY AND PRESIDENT AGREED WITH GENSCHER TO EXPLORE WITH OTHER SUPPLIERS POSSIBILITY OF EXPANDING LONDON GROUP TO INCLUDE BRAZIL AND OTHER NUCLEAR CONSUMERS. YOU SHOULD REFER ANY FOLLOW-ON FRG COMMENTS OR PROPOSALS ON THIS MATTER TO DEPARTMENT FOR GUIDANCE. END FYI.

5. FYI: IN REVIEWING ITS MATERIALS, INR HAS IDENTIFIED SEVERAL KEY UNANSWERED QUESTIONS WHICH YOU SHOULD BEAR IN MIND IN JUDGING COMPLETENESS OF FRG RESPONSE TO PARA 2:

-- WHAT KIND OF REPROCESSING TRAINING IS THE FRG CURRENTLY MAKING AVAILABLE TO BRAZILIAN TECHNICIANS?

-- ARE THERE ELEMENTS OF BECKER TECHNOLOGY WHICH HAVE NOT APPEARED IN OPEN LITERATURE, AND WILL THESE BE MADE AVAILABLE TO BRAZIL? -

-- HAS BRAZIL RECEIVED ANY PRELIMINARY DESIGN INFO OR TECHNICAL DATA RELEVANT TO REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT PROJECTS, IN THE COURSE OF DETERMINING PROJECT FEASIBILITY?
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-- WILL THE REPROCESSING AND ENRICHMENT FACILITIES BE UNDER JOINT OPERATION (I.E., HEAVY GERMAN TECHNICAL INVOLVEMENT IN DAY-TO-DAY OPERATIONS), AND IF SO FOR HOW LONG, OR WILL THE BRAZILIANS HAVE SUFFICIENT ACCESS TO TRAINING AND TECHNOLOGY SO AS TO BE ABLE AND HAVE THE RIGHT TO OPERATE THOSE FACILITIES AT SOME POINT ON THEIR OWN?

-- TO WHAT EXTENT DOES THE FRG INTEND TO EXPORT COMPONENTS FOR SENSITIVE FACILITIES TO BRAZIL, HOW SOON, AND TO WHAT EXTENT WILL HEAVY COMPONENTS BE FABRICATED IN BRAZIL USING GERMAN OR OTHER TECHNICAL DATA?

EMBASSY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT PRESENT THESE QUESTIONS TO FRG BUT MAY PROBE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION IN CONTEXT OF FRG RESPONSE TO PARA 2. IT IS OF COURSE IMPORTANT TO MINIMIZE EVIDENT RISK THAT GERMANS MAY SEIZE ON QUESTIONS TO EXPAND DEFENSE OF PROCEEDING WITH ISSUANCE OF LICENSES. END FYI.
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